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# SCHOOL NEWS

NEWSLETTER #4

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## Farewell Mme Villemure!



After 16 years as Gilmore's Librarian/Resource teacher, **Mme Chantal Villemure** has decided to **retire**. Her last day of work will be **Wednesday, November 30th**. We will miss Mme Villemure, and we wish

her all the best in her retirement. Au Revoir et Félicitations à Vous!

## Report Cards

With the redesigned curriculum, there is also a change in reporting and Richmond has begun this shift by reporting on Core competencies, Big Ideas and key areas of learning. Also, please note that effort marks of G for good, S for satisfactory and N for needs improvement are no longer given. Each teacher will give a comment about effort and this can be a focus when talking about your child's progress. We hope every child develops a growth mindset towards their learning and always puts their best effort into school. When you and your child look at the report card, it is also important to celebrate growth and improvement and to talk about areas for improvement in Term 2.



## Agents of Change



Thank you to all those who baked cookies, cakes, cupcakes, etc. for the *Agents of Change Bake Sale*. Also, many thanks to those who purchased the delicious baked goods! Your support helped raise a record total of \$746.25! All funds raised will be donated to the **Free The Children** charity, in support of the **Pillars of Health** program in **Haiti**.

## Curriculum Corner:

### What is Personalized Learning?



Personalized learning recognizes that no two students learn the same way or at the same pace. It also recognizes that for students to succeed in school – and to succeed after graduation – they must be engaged and invested in their learning. This means learning that is focused on the needs, strengths and aspirations of each individual young person. In a school system that values personalized learning, students play an increasingly active role in designing their own education path as they develop and mature – while being held increasingly accountable for their own learning success.

### What Students Will Learn



Personalized learning combines the “how” and “what” of learning. A personalized approach recognizes that there are still core requirements and expectations. A strong focus must remain on foundational skills – reading, writing, oral language and numeracy – and there will still be a required body of knowledge in various subjects or disciplines. However, with personalized learning there will be increased emphasis on competencies. By applying their skills and knowledge in new, often interdisciplinary situations, learners will develop competencies such as:

- Critical thinking and problem-solving
- Collaboration and leadership
- Communication and digital literacy
- Personal and social responsibility
- Creativity and innovation.

## Instrumental Performance



The beatboxing string trio, **Infinitus**, visited Gilmore on November 24th to perform their innovative and engaging introduction to instrumental music. Parents can check out their website to view this trio's entertaining style: [infinitusmusic.com](http://infinitusmusic.com)

## Pass Key Entry System



A new pass key entry system has been installed at Gilmore. All of the doors are programmed to **open at 8:30 am** and **lock at 3 pm**. When entering the school outside these hours, please use the school's **main entrance** which will be open from **8 am to 4 pm on weekdays**.

## Photos With Santa



Students will have the opportunity to have their photos taken with Santa on **Friday, December 2**. In addition to individual photos, students may also have a family photo taken with their sibling(s).

## Winter Concert

Gilmore's Winter Concert will be held on **Tuesday, December 13**. The performances will be held at **1:00 p.m.** and **6:00 p.m.** All parents and guardians are welcome to attend this festive event.



## Food Drive



Gilmore will be collecting non-perishable food items for the **Richmond Food Bank**. Items can be dropped off in the school's main foyer from **Tuesday, December 6 to Thursday, December 15**.

## Band Concert

On **Wednesday, December 14** Gilmore School Bands will be holding a band concert at **11:00 a.m.** in our gymnasium. All band students will be performing at this concert, which is open to all who are interested in attending.



## Holiday Wish



The Gilmore Staff appreciates the recognition and small tokens of appreciation that some families choose to forward to their child's classroom teacher at this time of year. However, the staff has suggested that families may want to make a small donation to the **Holiday Wish Fund** instead. Your contribution can be acknowledged with the staff member, and will assist a local family in need. Mrs. Laurel Crosby, Gilmore's former school principal, is helping again with this project.

## Grade 6/7 Volleyball



Thank you to Ms. Singh, Mlle Porter & Mme Oswald who have been volunteering their time to coach the Gr. 6/7 students in volleyball. Students have been having a lot of fun playing games against our neighbourhood schools, and during the City Centre tournament. Way to go Griffins!

## PAC CORNER



## Card Project



The Card Project has been very popular. If you haven't already placed your order, please do so by the deadline of **Sunday, November 27**. Thank you for supporting this unique fundraiser!

## Grade 5 Ski Program

This is just a friendly reminder that we are collecting winter coats, ski pants, ski gloves, and ski goggles. These items will be made available to Grade 5 students who need these articles in order to participate in the Ski Program.



## Popcorn Day at Gilmore!























The PAC will be selling snack size bags (20g) of Kernels popcorn for **\$2 on Thursday, December 1**. Students can choose from *Buttersalt, Salt & Vinegar, or White Cheddar*. Kernels popcorn is a whole grain product, made with GMO free corn, no trans fats, gluten free, and a "no nut" product. The popcorn will be sold at the beginning of lunch in the Multipurpose Room. Exact change would be appreciated!

## Hot Lunch

The last Hot Lunch of 2016 will be on **Friday, December 16**. Bon appetit!



# December 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Popcorn Day 	2 Photos with Santa 	3
4	5 BCTF/BCPVPA/BCSSA Joint Conference Day ( NO SCHOOL )	6 COIN DRIVE (Nickels) Food Bank Drive	7 COIN DRIVE (Dimes) Food Bank Drive	8 COIN DRIVE (Quarters) Food Bank Drive	9 COIN DRIVE (Loonies/Toonies) YVR Singing (Div. 1, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12) Food Bank Drive	10
11	12 Food Bank Drive 	13 Winter Concert 1:00 & 6:00 pm Food Bank Drive	14 Band Concert 11:00 am Food Bank Drive	15 Report Cards Home Food Bank Drive 	16 Last Day of Classes Hot Lunch 	17 WINTER BREAK 
18	19	20	21	22	23	Christmas Eve 24
						
Christmas Day 25 Hanukkah  	Boxing Day 26 	27 	28 	29 	30 	31 